

LEGISLATION REPORT: FEDERAL

| BILL | TITLE | SUBJECT | AUTHOR | STATUS | PROPOSED LoC BOARD ACTION | CLA POSITION | LoC BOARD POISTION |
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| | E-Rate | Federal telecommunications discounts for public libraries and schools | | Year 4 initial application window is closed | | | Affordable telecommunications services for CA libraries |
| | Children's Internet Protection Act | Mandates technology protection measures (filtering software) for public libraries and schools receiving E-Rate funds and for public libraries receiving LSTA funds if the discounts or grants are used to purchase Internet connectivity or computer workstations that are connected to the Internet | | FCC rulemaking underway for E-Rate regulations. LSTA rulemaking process to follow. The American Library Association and ACLU filed suits to block implementation. | | CLA supports the ALA suit | |
| | LSTA Reauthorization | Reauthorizes the Library Services and Technology Act for 2003/10. Broadens the scope of the act and requests an increase to \$500 million for block grants to the states. | | A national reauthorization committee is drafting language for consideration by congress | | | |
| | UCITA | A proposed state contract law designed to standardize the licensing of software and other forms of digital information. Will be introduced state-by-state. Restricts ownership of products or digital information and adds restrictions related to ownership and use of digital products. Vendors may monitor licensee usage online. Reduces or eliminates judicial process in cases of disputes between vendors and licensees. | | Not likely to be introduced in California or in any other states in 2001/02. A few states have passed bills, some with additional qualifications. | | | |

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| | Funding for FY 2002 | The President's FY 2002 budget reduces the LSTA from \$207 million to \$168 million. Most cuts are in the National Leadership Grants program. Proposes the abolition of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). Does not affect block grants to states (currently \$148 million) | | | | | |
| | Elementary and Secondary Education Act | | | | | | |
| | State Infrastructure Banks for School and Library Construction | Provides \$500 million each year for five years to establish state infrastructure banks (SIB) for school and public library construction. States would provide 25% matching grants. | Representative Taucher (D-CA) | Not yet introduced for FY 2002 | | | |
| S327 | Improving Literacy through School Libraries Act of 2001 | Amends Title II of the ESEA to provide up-to-date school library media resources and certified school library media specialists for elementary and secondary schools. | Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.) | Failed on Tie Vote ALAWASH 3/9 | | | |
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